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IN A FRONT PAGE "EDITORIAL" OUTSPOKEN WEEKLY JEUNE PRESSE
HASS CALLED ON HAITIAN TO LOOK OUT FOR THE SAFETY OF THE
"CUBANS OF THE REVOLUTION" WHO ARRIVE DECEMBER 9 FOR A
HAITI-CUBA ELIMINATION SOCCER MATCH. APPEARING IN THE
PAPER'S DECEMBER 6-13 EDITION, THE ARTICLE WAS THE FIRST
REFERENCE TO POLITICAL/DIPLOMATIC IMPLICATIONS OF THE MATCHES
(ANOTHER WAS PLAYED IN HAVANA NOVEMBER 28) TO APPEAR IN THE
MEDIA SINCE THE ENCOUNTERS WERE FIRST PROJECTED LAST AUGUST.
REFERRING TO THE "SUBJECT OF THE DAY" IN THE INTERNATIONAL
PRESS, THE PAPER NOTED THAT ANTI-CASTRO CUBANS HAVE ADOPTED
TERRORIST TACTICS SINCE JUNE 1976, THE MOST IMPORTANT
INCIDENT BEING THE OCTOBER 6 BOMB ATTACK AGAINST A CUBAN
AIRLINER. SINCE THE KENNEDY DAYS, SAID JEUNE PRESSE, THE
MORE EXTREME ELEMENTS "HAVE SEEN THEIR POSSIBILITIES OF
ACTION FROM U.S. TERRITORY SHRINK...AND HAVE LEFT THE U.S.
FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN (VENEZUELA, NICARAGUA,
CHILE, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC)."

JEUNE PRESSE ALSO REFERRED TO "A LARGE CIRCULATION AMERICAN
MAGAZINE WHICH HAS IMPLIED THAT HAITI IS A BASTION OF ANTI-
CASTRO TERRORISTS". DENYING THAT THIS IS THE CASE, THE PAPER
SAID THAT HAITI IS ONE OF THE FEW COUNTRIES IN THE REGION
WHICH HAS NOT WITNESSED A TERRORIST ACTIVITY IN THE LAST TEN
YEARS.

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CONCLUDING, THE PAPER SAID THAT "EACH HAITIAN SHOULD ENSURE

THAT HAITI'S WORLD RENOWN HOSPITALITY BE HONORED WITH RESPECT
TO THE FOREIGN VISITORS, EVEN IF THEY ESPOUSE IDEOLOGIES
CONTRARY TO THOS OF OUR ANCESTORS."
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